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Introduction:

Praised be Allāh, and prayers and blessing be upon His Messenger.

To Proceed:

I have read most of the *Fatāwā* that have emanated from the scholars, preachers, and students of knowledge – of both well-known and unknown – regarding the *Taffīrāt* (bombings [which have taken place in the Arabian Peninsula]) and their *Hukm* (ruling) in the *Sharī'ah*. And I have seen that all of them based around the same arguments; the most important of which are:

- 1) That those who carried out these bombings are from the ignorant deceived youth.
- 2) That the country in which these bombings took place is a Muslim country.
- 3) That those who were targeted were *Ahl al-Amān* (people protected by a covenant of security), and *Ahl al-Thimmaḥ* (those who pay tribute to the *Islāmic* government to remain within their borders), and *Ahl al-Hudnah* (people with a peace treaty).
- 4) That amongst the victims were innocent Muslims guilty of no crime.
- 5) That these operations help the disbelievers against us, and gives them excuses to interfere in our internal affairs, and to strangle and hamper the *Da'wah* and hurt the preachers.

These are the most important arguments upon which these *Fatāwā* have been based; these have been published in the various magazines, newspapers, forums, and websites to enlighten the ignorant deceived youth to return to the Path of the Truth, in order to spare innocent blood from being spilled, and so that mankind can have their lives and property safe and secure.

And we have no option left for ourselves, except to submit to these *Fatāwā* – for indeed we are not outstanding scholars, nor distinguished students of knowledge.

But yet these *Fatāwā* have created some difficulties for us – since they contradict some of the things which we were taught by the *same* people

who issued these *Fatāwā*; and these *Fatāwā* also contradict the “ancient” scholars quoted within these same *Fatāwā*.

And we’ve read the Book of Allāh (we had found some *Masāhif*), and we also read some of the *Ahādīth* of the Messenger of Allāh – and we have found that these are not in harmony with our understanding of those *Fatāwā*. And for this very reason, we mention here some of our questions which have caused us confusion; and maybe Allāh will inspire some of the scholars to clarify these issues for us, to remove our doubts and misunderstandings which have penetrated into our minds and hearts, due to our foolishness and lack of knowledge of the *Shari’ah*...

1. “Those who carried out these bombings are from the ignorant deceived youth.”

We ask: From where did you get that these bombings were carried out by the Muslim youth? Did any of them come to you and tell you that they are the ones who carried out these actions?

Didn’t you teach us that in our *Shari’ah* “The burden of proof is on the plaintiff and the taking of an oath is incumbent upon the defendant”??? Isn’t it a part of the *Shari’ah* that there cannot be any accusation without any proof or evidence? For what reasons have you pointed your blaming fingers against the Muslim youth without any evidence to substantiate these allegations? Or is this (type of blaming) permissible in our *Shari’ah*? Please enlighten us and may Allāh reward you!!

We do not claim that the *Mujāhidīn* did not carry out these attacks – *nor* are we certain that they are the ones who did it; but the question remains: Where did you find out that it was indeed them? Was it from the CNN channel, or the Arabic news networks – whose condition you very well know, which is also run by a regime whose condition is not hidden from a single person!! Did not Allāh (Most High) say, “**O you who believe! If a *Fāsiq* (sinful, rebellious evil person) comes to you with news, verify it, lest you harm people in ignorance, and afterwards you become regretful to what you have done.**”¹ So did you verify your news before you harmed the *Mujāhidīn* with your allegations??

¹ *Al-Hujurāt*, 6

And we ask you, O Noble Scholars: please clarify for us, using *Shari'ah*-oriented evidence, that the *Mujāhidīn* (or these “youth”) are ignorant deviants, lest we are deceived by them and their “*Jihādī*” ideology.

And how *wonderfully excellent* would it have been if at least one of those channels had organized a debate or discussion between the scholars and some of the *Mujāhidīn* inside a closed and secure room, in the city of Makkah or Madīnah (so that the Americans wouldn't be able to capture them, since the Americans [as far as we've been told] are not allowed to enter the Two Sacred Cities); and obviously, this will only happen when the *Islāmic*, Righteous, Pure Guardian of Authority (*Walī' al-Amr*) give their permission. And then, after the debate and discussion, the *Mujāhidīn* can leave, and *safely* and *securely* return to their places and their frontlines – just like the Americans, as some of you have said that they are *Ahl al-Amān* whom it is not permissible to even touch, so that they can hear the Words of Allāh – and then you escort these Americans to a place of security and rest. ² So similarly in this debate, let these *Mujāhidīn* hear the Words of Allāh, and escort them back to a place of rest. May Allāh give you and us the ability to do every righteousness!

2. “The country in which these bombings took place is a Muslim country.”

And this has also created confusion for us! For indeed we are unintelligent – we cannot understand anything nor comprehend, nor do our minds have the capability to perform valid reasoning, nor to research these intricate matters!!

Is Afghānistān a Muslim country?
Is Shīshān (i.e. Chechnya) a Muslim country?
Is Filastīn (i.e. Palestine) a Muslim country?
Is Kashmīr a Muslim country?
Is East Turkistān a Muslim country?
Is Bosnia a Muslim country?

² “And if anyone of the *Mushrikūn* seeks your protection then grant him protection, so that he may hear the Word of Allāh (the *Qur'ān*), and then escort him to where he can be secure...” [*at-Tawbah*, 6]

For indeed you have issued verdicts saying that it is permissible to use bombs and explosions in these lands, and you have labeled it *Jihād*. So what is the matter with this land [the Arabian Peninsula] – is it not like its sisters??

Why is it that fighting in *other* than the Arabian Peninsula is considered *Jihād* – and the accidental killing of Muslim civilians (which sometimes happens unintentionally) in *other* than the Arabian Peninsula (still) considered *Jihād*!? And blowing up buildings in *other* than the Arabian Peninsula considered *Jihād*? And why is fighting against those rulers who have allied with the disbelievers considered *Jihād* – as long as it *isn't* the Arabian Peninsula?? And fighting the aggressing enemies is considered *Jihād*, *except* in the Arabian Peninsula? So when these things take place *within* the Arabian Peninsula – it is no longer “*Jihād*”, but instead “*terrorism*” ?!

With our limited intellects we have looked and found the following:

The regime of Kābul, “Karzai”, is a regime which claims to be Muslim...
The regime of Riyādh is also a regime which claims to be Muslim!!

The regime of Kābul has given its loyalty and alliance to the disbeliever Americans... The regime of Riyādh has also given its loyalty and alliance to the disbelieving Americans!!

The regime of Kābul wars against the *Mujāhidīn* and the righteous reformers... The regime of Riyādh also wages war against the *Mujāhidīn* and the righteous reformers!!

Afghānistān is colonized by the Crusaders... And the Arabian Peninsula is also colonized by the Crusaders – with increased strength!!

The Kābul regime was installed by the Americans... And the regime of Riyādh was installed by the British – and then the Americans established their power in them (just like the countries next to it)!!

The regime of Kābul governs without the Legislation of Allāh in many of its affairs... The regime of Riyādh also governs without the Legislation of Allāh in many of its affairs!!

The Afghan people are calling for the expulsion of the Americans from their land... And similarly the people of the Arabian Peninsula call for the expulsion of the Americans from their lands!!

EXCEPT – there is *one* single difference between the two countries:

There are no Sacred Places in Afghānistān which are being disgraced by the disbelievers, unlike the situation in Hijāz, wherein lays Makkah and Madīnah... So *if* it is *this* dissimilarity which allows (and makes permissible) the continuance of the disbeliever's occupation of the Arabian Peninsula – please clarify this for us, and may Allāh reward you!!

[Note of Benefit]: A mention of regimes and their founders:

The regimes of Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Lebanon, and Syria were given Muslim rulers by France!

The regimes of Oman, Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, and Jordan were given Muslim rulers from Britain!

The regimes of Riyādh, Egypt, Qatar, and Iraq (previously) were given Muslim rulers from America!

Mixed regimes: Sudan, the country fought against by the regimes of Riyādh and Egypt, merely because it didn't not obey the whims of America. And then Libya... we have no idea who placed that ruler there to govern those Muslims!!]

And so we ask: WHY is it that fighting against the Russians is considered "*Jihād*"?

And against the *Hindus* "*Jihād*"?

And against the *Buddhists* in *China* "*Jihād*"?

And against the *Serbs* "*Jihād*"?

And against the *Jews* "*Jihād*"?

And against the *Filipinos* "*Jihād*"?

And against the *Eritreans* "*Jihād*"?

And against the *Tajik Communists* "*Jihād*"?

And against the *Ba'thists* "*Jihād*"?

But yet, when there is a fight *against the Americans*, the *ones* who are the *main driving force* behind *all* these wars in which the Muslims are killed, the label *changes* from being “*Jihād*” to being “*terrorism*”?!!

Our narrow minds are incapable of comprehending this; so you are welcome to clarify this for us: And may Allāh bless you!

3. “Those who were targeted were *Ahl al-Amān*, and *Ahl al-Thimmah*, and *Ahl al-Hudnah*.”

This is another puzzle which we couldn’t solve!!

As for them being *Ahl al-Thimmah* ³: Then as far as we know, from what you have taught us from the books of the “*Salaf*” – is that *Ahl al-Thimmah* are the people (People of the Book) who live in the Lands of *Islām*, and the Laws of *Islām* are applied upon them... and there can be no *Ahl al-Thimmah* in the Arabian Peninsula anyways ⁴... And nor are the Laws of *Islām* applied on the Americans (in the Arabian Peninsula), since the rulers of the Peninsula don’t even rule with it in the first place!! And yet, these disbelievers are found all over the Arabian Peninsula – when did they become *Ahl al-Thimmah*?? Please answer us, and may Allāh bless you!

As for them being *Ahl al-Hudnah* ⁵: Then you had taught us that the *Ahl al-Hudnah* are those *Harbī* (hostile) people with whom we have agreed to halt the hostilities/battles between us for a known time period, and that they remain in their (own) country, and do not fight against the Muslims nor assist others against Muslims... And the American military are inside the

³ **“Fight against those who believe not in Allāh, nor in the Last Day, nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allāh and His Messenger and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth among the people of the Scripture, until they pay the *Jizyah* with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.”** [at-*Tawbah*, 29]

⁴ The land regarding which Muhammad صلى الله عليه و سلم commanded, “Expel the Jews and Christians from the Arabian Peninsula”. The *Hadīth* is recorded by al-Bukhārī (3053, 3152), Muslim (1551, 1637, 1767), al-Tirmithī (1606), Ahmad (1/195, 10/144), ad-Dārimī (2/306), al-Bukhārī in “*At-Tārikh al-Kabīr*” (4/57), al-Bayhaqī in “*Al-Kubrā*” (18750), and “*Al-Muwatta’*” of Mālik (3/88), “*As-Silsilah as-Sahīhah*” (1132).

⁵ **Hudnah**: literally “intermission, pause, peace...” etc.

Muslim lands, waging a ruthless war against the Muslims *right now* in Iraq, Afghānistān, Philippines, Sūdān, Palestine, Chechnya, Tājikistān, and Turkistān – nay, in each and every part of the earth they are waging an *international crusade* against *Islām*. So *HOW* is it possible for them to be *Ahl al-Hudnah*? And also, we would like to know – which of the “Muslim” rulers would be able to “construct a peace treaty” (*hudnah*) with the Americans (in their crusade)?!! Please answer us, may Allāh bless you!!

As for them being *Ahl al-Amān* ⁶: Then we must ask – *WHO* gave them *Amān* (security)?! Is it that ruler, regarding whom the scholars have *Ijmā'* upon his *Kufr* due to his *Muwālāt* (alliance) with the disbelievers!? ⁷

Or is it that ruler, regarding whom the scholars have *Ijmā'* upon his *Kufr* due to his legislating other than the Laws of Allāh!? ⁸

Or is it that ruler, regarding whom the scholars have *Ijmā'* upon his *Kufr* due to his allowing (*tahlīl*) of usury, sins, crimes, heresies, and *Kufr* ⁹ – and has nurtured these with the fabricated man-made laws in an endeavor to remove *Islām* from the hearts of the Muslims!??

Indeed, this matter has perplexed us deeply: For we had never studied whether or not such a ruler, in such a situation, could offer a valid covenant of security (*Ahd al-Amān*) or not!! We were only taught *whether or*

⁶ **Ahl al-Amān**: literally “those who are given security”.

⁷ As *Shaykh* Ibn Bāz (ra) said, “The ‘*Ulamā* of *Islām* are **united** upon the fact that whosoever aids the disbeliever against the Muslims, or collaborates with them with ANY type of assistance – then that person is a disbeliever just like them.” – “*Majmū' Fatāwā Ibn Bāz*” (1/274)

⁸ Ibn Kathīr (ra) said, “So whoever leaves the clear *Sharī'ah*, which was revealed to Muhammad Ibn ‘Abdillāh, the Seal of the Prophets, and takes the *Hukm* to other than it from the laws of *Kufr* which are abrogated, he has disbelieved. So what about the one who takes the *Hukm* to the ‘*Yāsiq*’ and puts it before it?! **Whoever does that, he has disbelieved by the *Ijmā'* of the Muslims.**” – “*Al-Bidāyah Wa An-Nihāyah*” (3/119)

⁹ Ibn Taymiyyah (ra) said, “And it is known by necessity in the *Dīn* of the Muslims **and by the agreement of all the Muslims** that whoever permits the following of a *Sharī'ah* other than the *Sharī'ah* of Muhammad then he is a *Kāfir* and it is like the *Kufr* of the one who believes in some of the Book and disbelieves in some of the Book.” – “*Al-Fatāwā*” (28/524)

not the wedlock of the likes of this ruler would be invalid!¹⁰ And if it would be acceptable for such a ruler to be a guardian for his own daughter's wedlock – *let alone* granting a *covenant of security* to the enemies of *Islām* which would be binding upon all Muslims to abide by!!!

And the scholars have pronounced *Takfīr* upon an Egyptian author for the book in which he attacked *Islām* – thus the scholars issued the verdict to separate the author from his wife. So should we not pronounce *Takfīr* upon those who wage war against *Islām* day and night, as a service to the Crusaders and Zionists, giving them their loyalty, and giving the Muslims their hostility?

We never knew about the “Ten Nullifications” of *Islām*.¹¹ You are the ones who taught these to us... So if you now want us to abrogate them – then please order us clearly, we don't understand mere hints!!

Something else has also baffled us greatly: Is it permissible to grant a *covenant of security* to a disbeliever who desires to kill Muslims?? Or how about – granting security to a disbeliever who *has* killed Muslims, and *continues* to kill Muslims?? And is it permissible to allow them to open up

¹⁰ The *Imām* and *Muhaddith*, Shaykh Ahmad Shākir (ra) wrote, “Alas! Let every single Muslim and Muslimah know! That these people who have come out to fight against (the people) of their *Dīn*, and are doing *Tanāsur* (helping one another, cooperation, collaboration) with the enemies of Allāh – *that whosoever marries these people, then their marriage is invalidated (bātil) - it is nullified from its very base, and it is not possible to validate it; and not a single thing remains from the wedlock*, like affiliation and inheritance and such things. And that whosoever was already married, from amongst these (apostate traitors) – then their wedlock is annulled.

And likewise, those who repent from amongst them, and return to their Lord and their *Dīn*, and wage war against His enemies, and help the *Ummah* of *Islām* – then the spouses that they had while in a state of apostasy, or whom they were engaged to – *these women are not permissible for them*. Rather, *after the repentance, it is obligatory to renew their wedlock, so that their marriage can be valid and legislated*. And this is something which is clear and obvious.” Refer to “*Kalimah Haqq*” (126-137).

¹¹ “The Eighth Nullification of *Islām*: Helping the disbelievers and cooperating with them against the Muslims. As Allāh (Most High) has said, “**And if any amongst you takes them (i.e. disbelievers) as *Awliyā'* (i.e. supportive friends) , then surely he is one of them (disbelievers).**” [*al-Mā'idah*, 51]

military bases of all various types, land, sea, air; and to help the disbelieving military with all types of supplies and support, and giving them all that they need to occupy a Muslim people – and helping them kill and expel the Muslims – *ALL* in the name of “security”, which is mentioned in the Book of Allāh and the *Sunnah* of His Messenger صلى الله عليه و سلم???

Also, is it permissible for a Muslim to protect [or give a covenant of security to] a *fellow Muslim* who has unlawfully killed a (Muslim) man, and prevent the punishment (*hadd*) from being laid upon him!? So if *this* is impermissible, then how can a *covenant of security* be given to the disbelievers who murder *thousands* of Muslims, *destroy* their countries, *steal* their wealth, and *transgress* against their honor; and prevents the Muslims from defending themselves and *Jihād* for the sake of their *Dīn*, honor, land, and blood!?!?

So we admit: We searched for the likes of this type of covenant of security in the *Qur’ān* and *Sunnah*... we could not find any example; then we looked in the Torah and Gospel... we could not find any; we even searched through the scriptures of the Hindus and Buddhists... we failed yet again... We then looked through the international man-made laws of *Kufr* – we did not find anything similar to this type of *covenant of security*!! So in *which* legislation, *regardless* of it being *Islāmic* or disbelieving, can we find this type of *covenant of security*?!! Where should we look? Please benefit us with your answer, and may Allāh reward you!!

A man named *Ibn al-Qayyim* (I heard that he is a scholar of *Islām*) once said in a book of his entitled “*Zād al-Ma’ād*”:

“And from the guidance of the Prophet صلى الله عليه و سلم is that when he made a covenant or treaty with a tribe – and they violated the covenant, or if some of them only violated it while the rest still were happy with the covenant and accepted it – he صلى الله عليه و سلم attacked all of them collectively – and considered them *all* as violators. As was the case with Banū Quraythah, Banū al-Nuthayr, and Banū Qaynaqā’, and also with the people of Makkah. So this was the *Sunnah* of the Messenger صلى الله عليه و سلم in dealing with those who are treacherous violators.”

Ibn al-Qayyim also said, "And *Ibn Taymiyyah* issued the verdict to attack the Eastern Christians when they had assisted the enemies of the Muslims in war by providing them with money and weapons – *EVEN THOUGH* they themselves had not attacked us, nor had they engaged us; but he (i.e. *Ibn Taymiyyah*) viewed them as violators of the covenant, just as the Quraysh had breached the covenant of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم when they had assisted Banū Bakr ibn Wā'il in fighting against his allies."

So if this is the case when they *themselves* do not wage war against us – then what about those Americans and British who fiercely wage a crusade against us?! Indeed this grave statement (of *Ibn al-Qayyim*) has only increased the doubts and suspicions in our hearts, and is pushing us to believe in the terrorist *Mujāhidīn*!! Please, do you have any explanation which will be able to remove the veil from our eyes – may Allāh reward you!!

4. "Amongst the victims were innocent Muslims guilty of no crime."

A man named *Ibn Taymiyyah* (I heard someone calling him *Shaykh al-Islām*) once said:

"And the scholars are *united* that, if the disbelieving armies shield themselves using the Muslim prisoners who are with them, and danger is feared for the (rest of the) Muslims if the disbelievers are not fought – then it is permissible to fight them, *even* if it leads to the killing of the Muslims who were being used as shields." ¹²

And also another man named *Ibn Qāsim* said in his *footnotes*, "He said in "*Al-Insāf* ": If they use a Muslim as a shield, then it is impermissible to strike him – except when it is feared (that it is a greater danger if the disbeliever is not struck), then it is permissible to strike them, while aiming at the disbelievers. And there is no argument against this (permissibility)." ¹³

You used to tell us "It is obligatory to follow the scholars of the *Salaf* ." And now you are telling us "Throw their verdicts against the wall, and

¹² "*Majmū' al-Fatāwā* " 28/537-546 & 20/52

¹³ "*Al-Hāshiyah 'Alā ar-Rawdh* ", 4/271

follow what we tell you now!!"?? We are stuck and confused in between you and the terrorist *Mujāhidīn*, because they claim that it is obligatory to follow the *Salaf* in the matters of *Jihād*!!

But we are not with these terrorists – we are with you; we know that it is not permissible to kill a Muslim. We also know that it is one of the greatest crimes and sins...

But would you agree with us if we said that it is permissible to kill the disbelievers of the West only? And if you say that they are civilians, and it is not permissible to kill civilians...

Then would you agree with us if we said that it is permissible to kill only the American military placed in the Arabian Peninsula, for their crime of killing Muslims and occupying the Lands of *Islām*??

You might say that explosions and bombings might still cause the death of innocent Muslims... Then how about if we agree not to use any explosives or bombs?? How about if we lie in wait for them to assassinate them individually?? This way, no harm would befall any Muslim!!

So please give us a at least a single *Fatwā*, or half of a *Fatwā*, or a even a quarter of a *Fatwā* saying that it is at least *permissible* to kill the enemy aggressor, regarding whom the ancient scholars, "*Salaf* ", collectively agreed that it was an *obligation (wājib)* to fight against!! ¹⁴

Please give us a *Fatwā*, may you be rewarded!! Or at least give us a *Fatwā* saying that it is *Harām* to kill the aggressing American soldiers – so that we and the whole world can finally rest!

5. "These operations help the disbelievers against us, and gives them excuses to interfere in our internal affairs, and to strangle and hamper the Da'wah and hurt the preachers."

¹⁴ *Shaykh al-Islām Ibn Taymiyyah* (ra) said, "The first obligation after *Īmān* is the repulsion of the enemy aggressor who assaults the *Dīn* and the worldly affairs". – "*Al-Fatāwā al-Kubrā*" (4/608)

And this is even more confusing!!

We thought that these disbelievers always tried to disrupt our internal affairs – for the last 14 centuries!! Since before New York and Washington... before the bombings of Riyādh and Khobar... before the colonization of Palestine, the Arabian Peninsula, and Afghānistān... Rather, ever since the Messenger صلى الله عليه و سلم founded the first *Islāmic* city in his Madīnah!!! So what has changed since then?!

We thought that these disbelievers will never cease fighting against us until they turned us back from our *Dīn*, if they are able to, regardless of whether or not we fight them!!! ¹⁵ How stupid we were!!

We thought that these disbelievers will never be pleased with us until we followed their religion, regardless of whether or not we blew them up!!! ¹⁶ How deceived we were!!

We thought that these disbelievers always spend their wealth to hinder (men) from the Path of Allāh, regardless of whether or not we lie in wait for them!!!¹⁷ How ignorant we were!!

We thought that these disbelievers would not fail to do their best to corrupt us, and would never cease fighting our *Dīn*, regardless of whether or not we wage *Jihād* against them!! ¹⁸

¹⁵ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* (distort) of the verse in *al-Baqarah*, 217!! **“And they will never cease fighting you until they turn you back from your *Dīn* (*Islām*), if they can.”**

¹⁶ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *al-Baqarah*, 120!! **“Never will the Jews nor the Christians be pleased with you until you follow their religion.”**

¹⁷ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *al-Anfāl*, 36!! **“Verily, those who commit kufr spend their wealth to hinder (men) from the Path of Allāh, and so will they continue to spend it; but in the end it will become an anguish for them. Then they will be overcome. And those who disbelieve will be gathered unto Hell.”**

¹⁸ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *Āl ‘Imrān*, 118!! **“O you who believe! Take not as (your) *Bitānah* (advisors, consultants, protectors, helpers, friends, etc.) those outside your religion (pagans, Jews, Christians, and hypocrites) since they will not fail to do their best to corrupt you. They desire to harm you severely. Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, but**

O Messenger of Allāh: Do not attack the caravans of the Quraysh or they will use that as an excuse to attack back!!

O Messenger of Allāh: Do not fight the disbelievers of the Arabian Peninsula or they will all unite in war against you!! ¹⁹

O Messenger of Allāh: Do not gather your warriors to fight against Caesar – for if Caesar assembles his military against us – then we stand no chance against his military!! Rather, you should discuss this, and debate intellectually, and wage the *Jihād* of the pen and tongue, not of the sword and teeth!!

O Messenger of Allāh: Do not dispatch the army of Usāmah ibn Zayd!!

O *Khalīfah* of the Messenger of Allāh: Do not dispatch the army of Usāmah ibn Zayd!! You will only be giving excuses to the Romans to attack and we are nothing compared to the Romans; just look at us... and look at the Romans!!

O *Khalīfah* of the Messenger of Allāh: So what if the Arabs apostatize?! Stay in Madīnah, don't go after them to kill them. Rather, call them to *Islām* with mildness and lenience, for we are weak in these times! So what if they don't give *Zakāh*!! At least they are still performing the prayer!! ²⁰

O *Khalīfah* of the Messenger of Allāh: Do not fight against the world's superpower, for the Muslims stand no chance against them!! Rather, you

what their breasts conceal is far worse. Indeed We have made plain to you the *Āyāt* if you understand."

¹⁹ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *Āl 'Imrān*, 172-173!! **"Those who answered (the Call of) Allāh and the Messenger after being wounded; for those of them who did good deeds and feared Allāh, there is a great reward. Those (i.e. believers) unto whom the people (hypocrites) said, "Verily, the people (pagans) have gathered against you (a great army), therefore, fear them." But it (only) increased them in Faith, and they said: "Allāh (Alone) is Sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)."**

²⁰ As 'Umar (ra) said to Abū Bakr (ra), "How is it that you will fight mankind? Even though the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "I have been ordered to fight the people, until they testify that "There is none worthy of being worshipped, except Allāh". So if they say this, then their blood and property are protected from me, except for its (*Islām's*) rights"??? So then Abū Bakr (ra) replied, "Indeed *Zakāh* is from its rights. And I swear by Allāh, if they were to refrain from giving a young she-goat that used to give during the time of the Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم - then I would fight them for that not giving that." Refer to *Sahīh al-Bukhārī*, "*Kitāb Istitābah al-Murtaddīn*".

should give them Da'wah through forums, discussions, lectures, debates, lessons, and the other various media available!!

How blind we were indeed!!

We are ignorant deviant youth – we do not weigh our actions nor our words, and we rush impatiently in everything which we do!! We want to fight all the *mushrikīn* altogether just as they fight against all of us!! ²¹

SubhānAllāh!!

The ignorance that we drowned in!! Every time we heard a cry or advancement towards the enemy, we hurried to it, seeking *death*!! ²² What were we thinking?!!

Every time the disbelievers murdered our brothers, destroyed our *Masājid*, (mosques) and occupied our lands – we fought against them!! ²³

So *what* if the Jews and Christians (1) believe not in Allāh, (2) nor in the Last Day, (3) nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allāh and His Messenger (4) and refuse to acknowledge not the *Dīn* of Truth?! That's their right, and it's none of our business!! ²⁴ Where's *freedom of thought*, and *liberty*?! What's this backwardness?

²¹ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *at-Tawbah*, 36!! **“And fight against the *mushrikūn* collectively, as they fight against you collectively.”**

²² Please teach us the correct way to do refute the *Hadīth* narrated by Abū Hurayrah, “Among the best of lives for people is a man who clasps the reins of his horse in the path of Allāh, rushing on its back; whenever he hears a cry [of battle] or advancement towards the enemy, he hurries to it, seeking death and being slain with eagerness.” Refer to Muslim (3503), and Ibn Mājah (3967).

²³ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *al-Nisā'*, 75!! **“And what is wrong with you that you fight not in the Cause of Allāh, and for those weak, ill-treated and oppressed among men, women, and children, whose cry is: “Our Lord! Rescue us from this town whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from You one who will protect, and raise for us from You one who will help.”**

²⁴ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *at-Tawbah*, 29!! **“Fight against those who believe not in Allāh, nor in the Last Day, nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allāh and His Messenger and those who**

We *marched forth* while we were wealthy and poor, while we were light and heavy, while we were in danger and in security!!²⁵ We thought that we were reaching the peak *Islām* through *Jihād*!! ²⁶ How ignorant we were!! *SubhānAllāh*!!

We *throw* ourselves into destruction, without even thinking or looking!! ²⁷

JIHĀD!!!
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JIHĀD!!!

Don't we understand anything other than *Jihād*!??

acknowledge not the religion of truth among the people of the Scripture, until they pay the *Jizyah* with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued."

²⁵ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrif* of the verse in *at-Tawbah*, 41!!
"March forth, whether you are light (being healthy, young and wealthy) or heavy (being ill, old and poor), strive hard with your wealth and your lives in the Cause of Allāh. This is better for you, if you but knew."

²⁶ Please teach us the correct way to do refute the *Hadīth*, "*The head of the matter is Islām and its pillar is the Salāh and its highest peak is the Jihād..*" – Narrated by at-Tirmithī (2541), Ibn Mājah (3963), and Musnad Ahmad (21008).

²⁷ When will you be able to refute the *Athar* narrated by Abū Dāwūd (3/27) and at-Tirmithī (4/280) (and at-Tirmithī graded it as *sahīh*) that Aslam ibn `Imrān narrated that when they were fighting a mighty army of the Romans, *a man in the Muslim army attacked the Roman ranks until he penetrated them. People shouted, saying, "SubhānAllāh! He has thrown himself into his own destruction."* Thereupon, Abū Ayyūb al-Ansārī stood up, and said, "O people! You give this interpretation to this verse, whereas it was revealed concerning us, the *Ansār*, when Allāh had given honor to *Islām* and its supporters had become many, whereupon some of us secretly said to one another ... "Our wealth has been depleted, and Allāh has given honor to *Islām* and its supporters have become many, so let us stay amidst our wealth and make up what has been depleted of it." Thereupon, Allāh revealed to His Prophet [meaning] **"And spend in the Cause of Allāh (i.e. *Jihād* of all kinds, etc.) and do not throw yourselves into destruction (by not spending your wealth in the Cause of Allāh), and do good."** [*al-Baqarah*, 195] refuting what we had said. So, the destruction lay in staying with our wealth and depleting it, and abandoning combat." Abū Ayyūb remained steadfast until he [was killed and] was buried in Rome... ???

So what that the enemies have entered our lands, taken our countries, made our wealth and honor permissible for themselves, and ridiculed our *Dīn*!!? So what!?? Aren't there ways to address these issues other than *Jihād*!??

Why don't we learn from those sitting people ²⁸ who have answered the call of intellectuality, and have abandoned *Jihād*, and they sit while developing the country, and inviting to their culture of submission and security?!?

What's with us and these things, like *dust, wounds, deaths, swords, and spears*!? What's with us and this yearning for climbing on top of mountains, and fighting against the ocean tides!!?

We don't seem to understand anything except *smiting necks* ²⁹, *slaying* ³⁰, and *terrorism*!! ³¹

Why do we not become merciful with the disbelievers ³², and humiliate ourselves to them, so that they may become Muslim!?! ³³

²⁸ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *al-Nisā'*, 95-96!! **"Not equal are those of the believers who sit, except those who are disabled (by injury or are blind or lame, etc.), and those who strive hard and fight in the Cause of Allāh with their wealth and their lives. Allāh has preferred in grades those who strive hard and fight with their wealth and their lives above those who sit (at home). Unto each, Allāh has promised good (Paradise), but Allāh has preferred those who strive hard and fight, above those who sit (at home) by a huge reward; Degrees of (higher) grades from Him, and Forgiveness and Mercy. And Allāh is Ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful."**

²⁹ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *Muhammad*, 4!! **"So when you meet (in *Jihād*) those who commit *Kufr*, smite (their) necks till when you have killed many of them."**

³⁰ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *at-Tawbah*, 5!! **"So slay the *mushrikīn* wherever you find them, take hold of them, encircle them and lie in wait to ambush them on each and every path."**

³¹ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *al-Anfāl*, 60!! **"And make ready against them all you can of power, including steeds of war - to terrorize the enemy of Allāh and your enemy."**

³² Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *al-Fath*, 29!! **"Muhammad is the Messenger of Allāh. And those who are with him are severe against the disbelievers, yet merciful among themselves."**

³³ ³³ Please teach us the correct way to do *Tahrīf* of the verse in *al-Mā'idah*, 54!! **"O you who believe! Whoever from among you apostates from his *Dīn* (Islām),**

Why don't we involve ourselves with commerce, construction work, and agriculture – and stop talking about *Jihād*!!?

And is this even the time for Jihād!!!! We're in the 21st century!!! This is the era of the internet and space exploration!! What's the matter with us and this Jihād !?

O ASSEMBLY OF SCHOLARS: SAVE US FROM THIS DEVIANCE...

O Allāh! Inspire the youth of this *Ummah* with righteousness and justice.

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Allāh will bring a people whom He will love and they will love Him; *humble towards the Mu'minīn, stern towards the Kāfirīn*; doing *Jihād* in the Way of Allāh, and never fearing the blame of the blamers. That is the Grace of Allāh which He bestows on whom He wills. And Allāh is All-Sufficient for His creatures' needs, All-Knower."